2001 BASE POPULATION DETERMINATION

The 2001 Census was the starting point for the base population for the projections. Statistics Canada provided a requested breakdown by age, sex and Aboriginal Identity group for each of the three regions as of May 15, 2001. However, the Manitoba Bureau of Statistics (MBS) estimated that approximately 11,300 Aboriginals were missing from this population due to the combination of undercoverage in the 2001 Census and the unenumerated Indian Reserve of Dakota Tipi.

Table 1: 2001 Base Population Adjustment

	2001 Census May 15, 2001	MBS Adjusted Population as of May 15, 2001	Difference	Percent Change
Total Aboriginal Population	150,040	161,421	11,381	7.6%

Data Source: Statistics Canada and Manitoba Bureau of Statistics

In order to account for these missing persons, the population was adjusted upwards. Several steps were taken to adjust the population. Firstly, the entire Aboriginal base population was increased by applying the Manitoba level undercount rates by age and sex to each of the Aboriginal communities. This process added about 4,000 people to the Aboriginal base population.

Secondly, 110 Registered Indians were added to the Southern Region to account for the population of Dakota Tipi, the one Indian Reserve in Manitoba which refused to take part in the Census. The figure of 110 was distributed according to the age and sex distribution of Registered Indians in the Southern region.

Thirdly, 1,467 Registered Indians were added to the Northern Region to account for the community of Cross Lake. In the 2001 Census there was difficulty enumerating the Indian Reserve and as a result it was estimated that 1,467 persons were not counted. This figure was distributed according to the age and sex distribution of Registered Indians in the Northern region.

Next, 5,789 Registered Indians were then added to the Northern and Southern regions to account for the number missed on enumerated Indian Reserves. Only the Registered Indian population was adjusted since it was assumed that the majority of residents on Reserves are Registered Indians. The figure of 5,789 was distributed according to the age and sex distribution of missed Manitobans in the 2001 Census. Winnipeg was not included in this adjustment because there are no Indian Reserves in the community.

And finally, the population was moved forward to July 1, 2001 to make it consistent with other population projections. This process added about 600 people to the Aboriginal base population.

The final result of these adjustments was an estimated total of 162,039 Manitoban's identifying as Aboriginal as of July 1, 2001. See table 2 for a breakdown by community.

Table 2: Population as of July 1, 2001

	2001 Census	MBS Adjusted May 15, 2001	MBS Adjusted July 1, 2001
Total Aboriginal Identity	150,040	161,421	162,039
By Region			
Winnipeg	52,465	53,869	54,075
North	55,980	63,388	63,631
South	41,595	44,163	44,333
By Aborignal Identity Group			
Registered Indian	90,650	100,441	100,826
Non-Registered Metis	52,360	53,761	53,967
Other Non-Registered Aboriginal	7,030	7,218	7,246

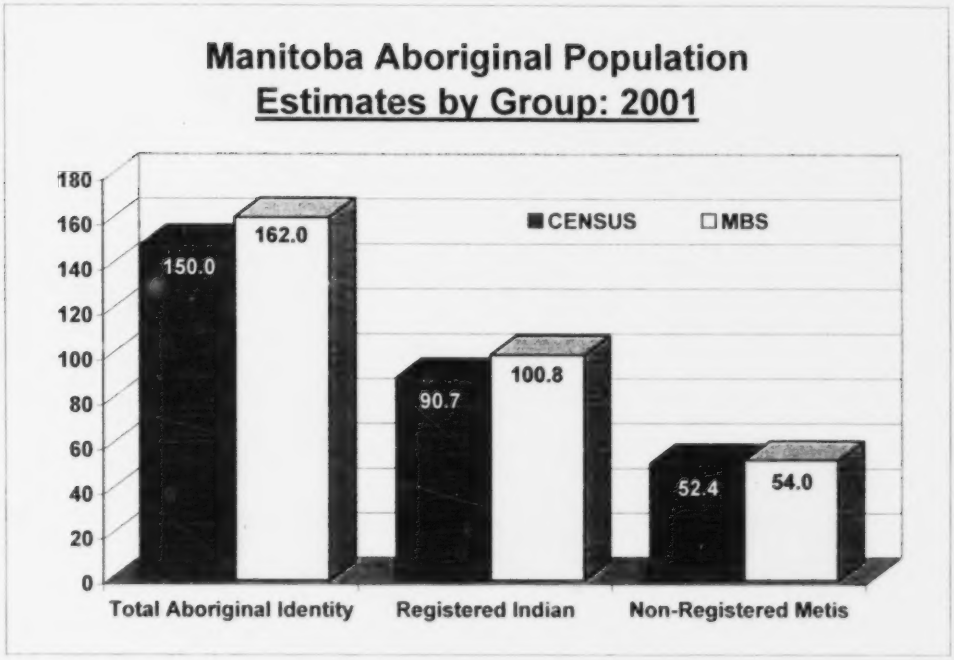
Data Source: Statistics Canada and Manitoba Bureau of Statistics

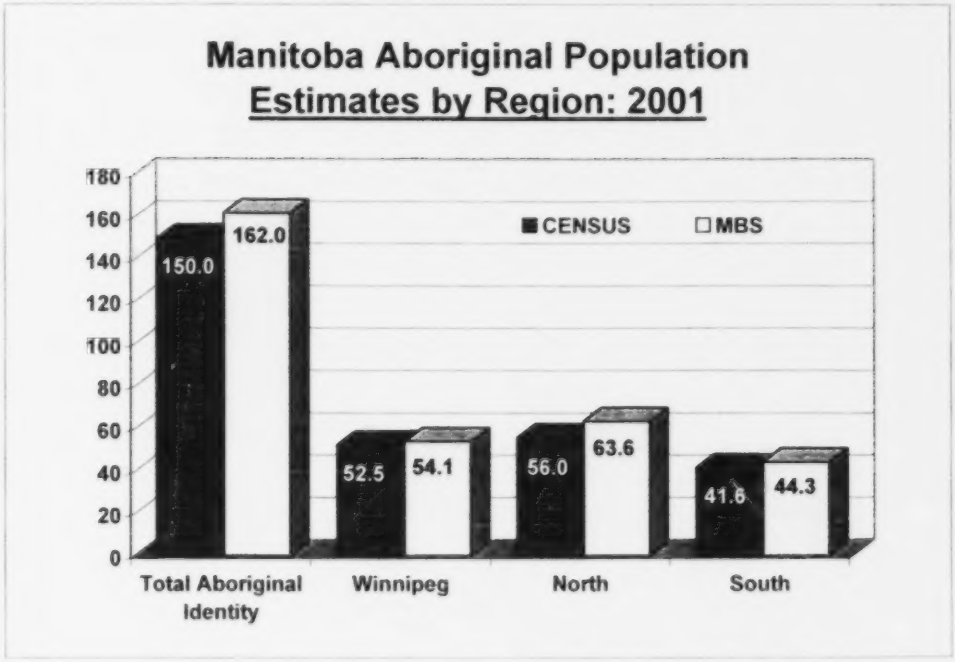
The adjustments not only increased the Aboriginal population, it also affected the population distribution. On a provincial basis, the share of Manitoban's identifying as Aboriginal increased from 13.6% in the 2001 Census to 14.1% after the adjustments made by MBS. On a regional basis, the greatest increase was observed in the North. According to the 2001 Census 68.2% of all Northerners identified as Aboriginal, after the adjustment by MBS this share increased to 75.0%. Winnipeg and the Southern region recorded smaller changes.

These adjustments also created a shift in the age distribution of the Aboriginal population. Most notable was an increase in the share of Aboriginals that were 25 to 34 years old. In addition, those aged 15 to 24 also increased their share. However, those Aboriginals under 15 and over 45 saw a decrease in their share of the total Aboriginal population.

In summary, the population adjustment served to increase the total Aboriginal population by 11,381. This adjustment reflected the estimated number of Aboriginals missed or not enumerated in the 2001 Census.

The following charts highlight the adjustments and comparisons with the 2001 Census counts.





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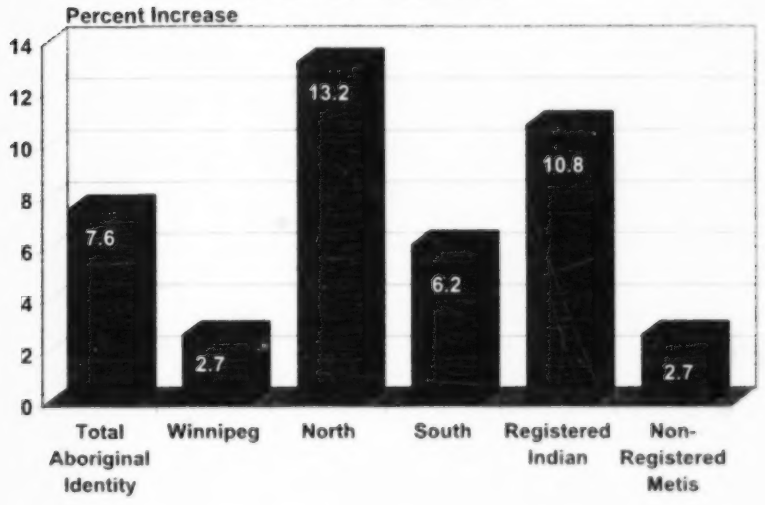

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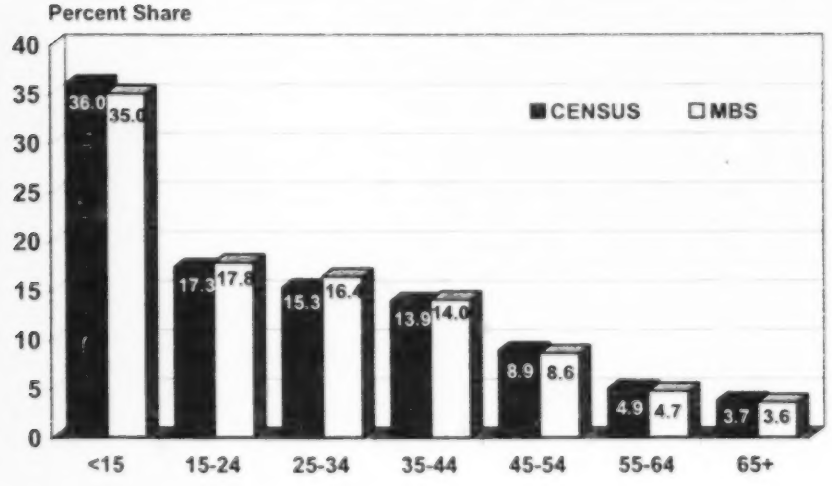

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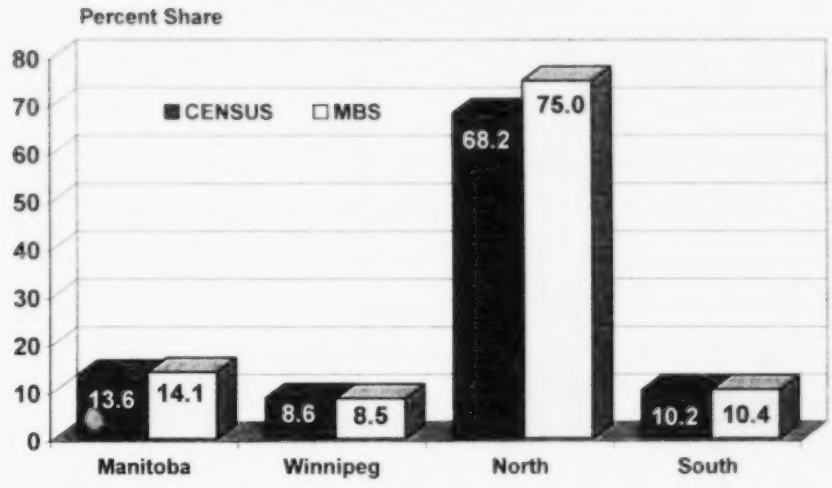

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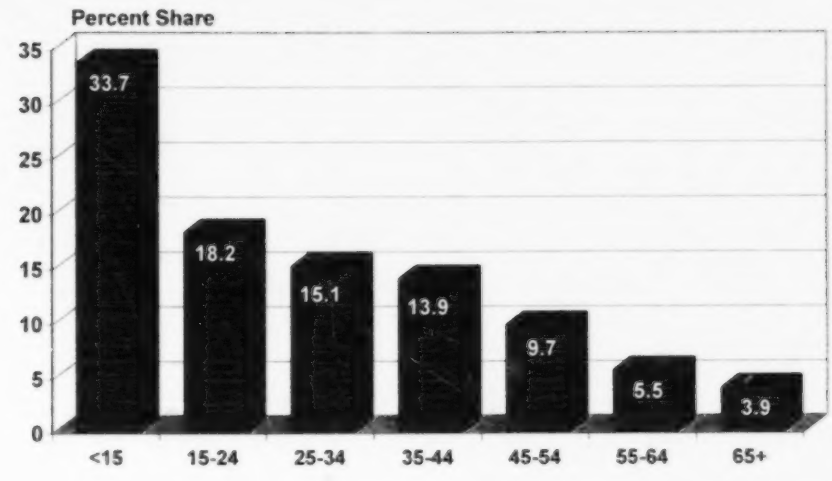

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